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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 254 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, this is a request for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction in respect of the above-identified patent. A duly prepared Certificate of Correction Form PTO/SB/44, consisting of two pages, is appended.

The mistakes identified in the attached Certificate occurred through the fault of the Patent Office, as clearly disclosed by the records of the application which matured into this patent. Amended claims 1 and 16, as shown on the Certificate, are the claims presented by the Applicant in a reply to an Office Action dated November 13, 2003 filed April 13, 2004. That amendment was entered by the Examiner following the filing of a Request for a Continued Examination, as indicated on the Notice of Allowability. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is due.

Issuance of the Certificate of Correction remedying the mistakes is earnestly requested.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Claim 1. A dock leveler comprising a support, a deck assembly pivotally secured to said support at one end for movement between a stored position and an elevated position, a deck lip pivotally connected to said deck assembly at an opposite end to said one end for movement between a pendent stored position and a bridging position projecting from said deck assembly, a lift mechanism acting on said deck assembly to lift it toward said elevated position, a lip operating mechanism operatively connected to said lip to move it from said pendant position to said bridging position upon attainment of said elevated position, and a latch to **hold** said lip in said bridging position upon movement of said deck assembly from said elevated position toward said stored position, said latch releasing said lip upon relative movement between said lip and said deck assembly in a first direction that would move said lip beyond said bridging position and having a yieldable connection to permit limited pivotal movement between said lip and said deck assembly in a direction opposite to said first direction upon application of a force thereto.

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Claim 16. A dock leveler comprising a support frame, a deck assembly pivotally secured to said frame at one end for movement between a stored position and an elevated position, a deck lip pivotally connected to said deck assembly at an opposite end to said one end for movement between a pendant stored position and a bridging position projecting from said deck, a lift mechanism acting on said deck to bias it toward said elevated position, a lip operating mechanism operatively connected to said lip to move it from said pendant position to said bridging position upon attainment of said elevated position and including a first tensile member acting between said support frame and said lip to initiate movement from said pendant position as said deck assembly approaches said elevated position, and a latch to hold said lip in said bridging position upon movement of said deck assembly from said elevated position toward said stored position, said latch being moveable from an inactive position to an active position upon movement of said deck assembly from said elevated position toward said stored position, in which said latch acts upon said lip as said deck assembly approaches said elevated position, said latch having a yieldable connection to permit limited pivotal movement between said lip and said deck assembly upon application of a force thereto.

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